

## READ THIS.

Gonsalves & Co. received by the S. S. Braunsfels a fresh supply of fine red table Wine from Oporto and an invoice of extra Salade Oil from the same place.

The Criterion Saloon has ordered a large invoice of the celebrated Beck Beer. It will arrive here in the Australia on May 3rd a fact that will please all followers of Gambrinus.

Mamma—O Jack, the baby has swallowed the contents of this ink bottle. What shall I do? Uncle Jack—Why make him eat two sheets of blotting paper.

Mrs. Jackson—Do you call this sponge cake? Why it is as hard as a stone.

Cook—Yes, mum, that's the way a sponge is before it is wet. Soak it in your tea.

J. P. Rodrigues, the tailor on Fort Street, next to Levey's auction room, can furnish a suit of clothes, a coat or a pair of trousers not to be surpassed in Honolulu. He has on hand a fine assortment of tailoring goods from which any customer can take his choice.

Mrs. Palmer—Maria, where are the oyster crackers that I ordered? Maria (the domestic jewel)—Faith mum, an' I have broke ivory way of them open an' divil of an oyster could I find in him, an' I sint him straight back.

Oh, yes, Wing Wo Tai & Co. knock spots out of everything in the lines that they advertise. You go to their store and see and dollars to doughnuts you do not leave without buying something.

Harold—The Club was dreadfully insulted to-day, Clarencey—Weally!

Harold—Yes, an old lady wished to know if it was an intelligence office.

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## LOCAL BREVITIES.

The barkentine Ingard is being renovated on the Marine Railway.

The American Legion of Honor will meet to-night at Harmony Hall.

Purser Young of the Miowera has the thanks of the INDEPENDENT for news favors.

There are six suits entered against the estate of late Dr. George Trousseau.

Colonel Cornwell will leave for Maui in the Kinau to-day. Look out for run-ers of war.

Barney Ordenstein was posting up the proclamation yesterday for the special election next Monday.

Attorneys having books belonging to the Supreme Court library are requested to return them on May 4.

The faithful lookout on Diamond Head states at 10 p. m. that weather is cloudy and wind light N. E.

Marcella "by Mrs. Humphry Ward, can now be obtained in the Golden Rule Bazaar for 50 cents a copy. The book is worth reading especially by young girls."

W. Yates has been transferred by the Board of Education from the charge of Kapalea school, Hamakua, to the school at Haua, Maui. It is in reality a promotion.

It was common talk on board the S. S. Miowera that this was to be the last trip in which Captain Stott should command the ship.

Dr. Sequah lectured last night, with the Hawaiian Quintette in attendance. He will lecture on Burmah in fitting costume on Saturday night.

Wallace Birdie, agent for Sequah, arrived by the Miowera. The doctor will drive round town in a golden chariot that came by the same steamer.

Colonel V. V. Ashford was around to-day. He looks much improved in health and spirit and will shake the dust of Hawaii off his feet next week.

Minister Hatch has appeared as a plain attorney in the courts within the last days. Judge Cooper is looking surprised every time. His Excellency is addressing His Honor.

In the month of April the Oahu Railway and Land Company carried more than 1988 tons of sugar, and 1445 tons of material for the Pacific Fertilizer and Phosphate Company.

J. W. Smith, the teacher at Waiawa, Ewa, and manager of the Pearl City Fruit Company, had the pleasure of meeting his brother, two daughters, and a son by the Miowera yesterday.

Letters from Hilo state that the political prisoners now working on the Volcano Road are not treated well. Marshal Hitchcock's presence in Hilo should prevent the boys from being abused by his underlings.

By the Miowera Dr. Sequah, the great medicine man, received his favorite chestnut horse, that he has had with him in many lands. He also received a buggy brought all the way from India and a golden chariot.

The roof is being put on a coronated iron shed covering the pumping plant over the artesian wells at Beretania and Alapai streets. It will be the most hideous-looking structure in town, looking like a temporary mining plant in the wild and woolly west.

Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson, widow of the famous novelist, was a through passenger by the steamer Mariposa. Her many friends in Honolulu will much regret that Mrs. Stevenson has completely lost her voice, and is going to seek treatment in San Francisco for its restoration.

## COURT RECORD

Attorney W. C. Achi Disbarred.

Other Decisions of the Court.

A unanimous opinion of the Supreme Court has been rendered in the matter of W. C. Achi, an attorney at law. It is written by Chief Justice Judd finds the respondent guilty of deceit and gross misconduct, and orders him dismissed from the roll of practitioners and to pay the costs of the proceedings. The following syllabus decision explains the nature of the case: "An attorney of this court took a negotiable promissory note of a client. Not being able to negotiate the note, the attorney, on the same day, took another note of like tenor and the amount which the clients secured by mortgage, on the understanding that the first note should be destroyed. The attorney negotiated the first note for value, and thereafter negotiated the second note and assigned the mortgage, retaining the proceeds. Held, this was deceit and gross misconduct on the part of the attorney and he should be dismissed from the roll of practitioners."

"Held, financial embarrassment is no excuse for dishonesty. "Held, the settlement of the second note negotiated, after the rule to show cause issued, does not mitigate his offense."

"The court declines to suspend the judgment of the court until the cases the attorney has in court are disposed of."

Attorney General W. O. Smith and Deputy Attorney General A. G. M. Robinson for the prosecution; W. A. Kinney for respondent.

In the case of Elizabeth Moorhead vs. David Dayton, trustee, and others, bill to enforce a trust, Judge Cooper has rendered a decision dismissing the bill with costs taxed against the plaintiff. He finds she is not entitled to income from the rent of the Criterion saloon, as she claimed under the will of the late John McColgan. A. S. Hartwell for plaintiff; Carter and Kinney for defendant.

Judge Cooper has rendered a decision on the bill for instructions of John T. Waterhouse, Henry Waterhouse and William Waterhouse, executors of the will of the late John Waterhouse vs. Mary Rice, W. W. Dimond and Henry Dimond. The principal question presented was whether a trust had been created by the will, and the court says if it had it would be found in the will and not in the codicils. The will is quoted, and the court sees "that there was no devise to the executors for the purpose of carrying out any specific trust, but they were given power to carry on the mercantile business of the testator, and to sell any of the lands except those specifically devised. No special limit of time is placed upon this power. So far as the will is concerned it is to go on for all time unless it is to be confined to the lifetime of the testator's wife. It seems to me that this was the real intent of the testator, and if it were not so the provision would be void as being against the rule for the prevention of perpetuities. The testator's wife having died before him, the trust never arose. Having arrived at this conclusion I must find that the complainants hold the estate simply for the purpose of administrations."

Hartwell for complainants; Hatch and Kinney for respondents. Immediately upon the rendering of the decision the Messrs. Waterhouse perfected an appeal therefrom to the Supreme Court.

Mr. C. O. Bojbi of the firm of Bojbi Bros. Vancouver B. C., returned on the Miowera, to the terminal city of the Dominion Pacific province after a five months' sojourn in Honolulu. Mr. Bojbi is one of the best landscape photographers in Canada, and during his stay here made many magnificent views of Honolulu scenery, which will be placed on exhibition in his establishment in Vancouver.

## STEVENSON.

His letters to be published.

Mr. Charles Baxter, of Edinburgh, Writer to the Signet and the literary executor of Robert Louis Stevenson, has been to Samoa to collect Stevenson's literary remains. He announces that he will publish them as part of a collected edition of Stevenson's works when he returns to England. Extracts from Stevenson's diary have already been given by Mr. Baxter to the newspapers of San Francisco, where he has been some days on his way from Samoa to England.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Baxter is a man of taste and discretion; for if he is not, his present undertaking may not help the fame or credit of his friend. The *disjecta membra* of an author's compositions are not always suited for publication. When Nathaniel Hawthorne's children published such posthumous works of their father as "Dr. Grimshaw's Secret," "Septimius Felton," and "The Dolliver Romance," they did not add to the reputation of the author of "The Scarlet Letter," and they raised a suspicion that Hawthorne's intellect had begun to decay before he died. When James Anthony Froude published Carlyle's letters, which would never have seen the light had the biographer of Frederick been living, he impaired public admiration for the writer and inspired critics to assail his character. So, now, if Mr. Baxter gives to the world besides the incomplete romances of "St. Ives" and "The Lord Chief-Justice's Clerk," hastily written letters by Stevenson, without due consideration of the effect they may produce, it is quite possible that his indiscreet zeal may impair the great writer's fame. Even the greatest of writers sometimes indite trivialities which they never intended for public perusal; it is hardly fair that an executor should do what they would not have ventured to do themselves.

Stevenson's diary has been introduced to the public by extracts published in the *Examiner*. It is a chatty, jolly, devil-may-care sort of composition, in which the author groans over his inability to write so as to suit his own fastidious taste, and shows us what a nervous and irritable though good-natured creature the man was. The extracts contain nothing which could militate against Stevenson's reputation; but then they are only extracts; we can not tell what the rest of the diary contains. As a rule, people are not helped by the posthumous publication of their diaries. Persons of a high-strung and sensitive organization commit to their diaries thoughts which they would have told no one by word of mouth; whence it has been said that no one but a pig or an idiot ever keeps a diary. If the diary is honest, it is not intended for general perusal; if it is written to be published, it is self-conscious and affected. Witness Marie Bashkirtsoff.

Stevenson's diary is in the form of letters to his advisor, Sidney Colvin, and it contains just what the novelist would have been likely to confide to a bosom friend. It reminds the reader of Sir Walter Scott's letters to Lockhart, which constitute the chief charm of Lockhart's life of his father-in-law. Scott undoubtedly wrote with the idea that his letters might be published, with suitable expurgations; they give a dashing picture of the gallant, big-hearted rather narrow-minded author of "Waverley." A better diary in the form of letters is that which was left by Flaubert. His letters were written in the full and frank expansion of his heart, without any idea of their reaching other eyes than those of the persons to whom they were addressed, and consequently it is as candid a portrait of the real man as were the "Confessions" of Rousseau. From a passage in one of Stevenson's letters, it may be inferred that he foresaw their publication after his death; he said: "It came over me the other day suddenly that this diary of mine to you

would make good picking after I am dead, and a man might sort of a book out of it without much trouble. So, for God's sake, don't loose them, and they may prove a piece of provision for my poor old family."

Stevenson was a severe critic of his own work, and rewrote constantly. He says that his story "The Wrecker" is "measly," and of its admirers—who, as will be remembered, are legion—he remarks: "Lord, what fools these mortal be!" Of another story he observes that he has taken a month to write two chapters, yet they are "beneath pity." To accomplish the composition of this story, which he had sold, he writes sixty-six thousand words in thirty days, or two thousand words a day—"the labor of an elephant." This intense and sensitive conscientiousness should be duly considered by the editor to his posthumous works. He ought to withhold his imprimature from every line which, according to his best judgement, Stevenson would himself have held back for revision. So long as a man is living, he can afford to publish his second best work, because he can efface any bad impression it may create by following it up with a masterpiece. But when a man is dead, he is judge by his closed record.

Death, it has been well observed, came to Robert Louis Stevenson so kindly that it was almost free from sadness. It did not dim the impression of that vital and awakening personality which was the connecting link between him and his readers. There was so much that was lovable in his character; he overflowed with such courage, and was so stout a believer in the success of those who "struggle for an ideal, under whatever climate, in whatever stage of society, plunged into whatever depth of ignorance, and burdened with whatever erroneous morality," that it would be a pity to have the delightful picture of him we have now blurred by scraps from his commonplace books and litter from his waste-basket. He was one of the greatest living writers of English; his fancy and his mastery of style have insured for him a place in letters which those who read "Treasure Island" and "Jekyll and Hyde" for amusement merely can not conceive. He spent his life with the shadow of death resting ever over him; yet he made light of it in his stout-hearted struggle with disease.

S. F. Arangoat.

## They Roll.

At first, man walked. Then he captured the wild horse and rode. Later he hitched his horse to a wheeled carriage; but now he has dispensed with the horse and spins along on wheels alone. There is only one step further and that is to discard the wheels and fly; but flying is still a remote possibility. Though America is pre-eminently its home, it is found everywhere. Adventurous wheelmen are now whirling past camel caravans in Asia, giving the dust to Kurdish brigands, seeking the Mahatmas in Gobi, penetrating the Deserts of Africa and circumnavigating the World at their pleasure. It has been announced that a bicycle has been invented that will carry a rider over the waves, and few would now be surprised should an enthusiast scorch across the Arctic snow-cap and puncture his tire in a collision with the pole. The bicycle has not simply come to stay, it has come to conquer. Ten years ago it was considered a toy for children and idlers, but now its earnest devotees of both sexes are past numbering. And the men and women who enjoy its exhilarations are the healthy, high-spirited people who give a nation strength and character. What if some enthusiasts do develop humps from over-indulgence in the sport? Let the wiser ones rub the humps for luck and keep on until people will be as much averse to seeing a man on horseback as the Gauchos of pampas are to seeing a man on foot.—Truth.

W. M. CUNNINGHAM, MANAGER

## French Journalists.

They Are Worse Than Honolulu

The sensation of Paris recently has been the trial of seven black-mailing journalists. Five of these have been found guilty and sentenced to various terms of imprisonment and fines, while two were acquitted. One M. Portalis fled, and has received in his absence sentences to imprisonment for five years. The offense was black-mailing the proprietors of clubs where gambling was carried on, threatening exposure if they did not hand over large sums of hush-money. All of the men are obscure persons, except one, Camille Dreyfus. He was formerly secretary to Daniel Wilson, who was a son-in-law of President Grevy, who himself got into trouble through selling the decoration of the Legion of Honor. These blackguards are types of the lower order of journalists in Paris, although the high order of journalist is extremely limited. The number of papers in Paris is enormous, and their quality is, as a rule, singularly poor from any point of view, while they are conducted with an almost entire lack of principle. The sentence imposed upon the black-mailers varied from five years' imprisonment down to one year, and the fines varied from five hundred to three thousand francs. One of them, Dreyfus, is a knight of the Legion of Honor. The clubs which these men have been black-mailing had every reason to want their affairs kept quiet. Most of the proprietary clubs are nothing but gambling-hells, and even the well "members clubs," like the Jockey Club, the Royale, and the Agricole, depend upon their gambling-table for their support. Not one of them could pay running expenses without the *cagnotte* or tax upon the tables. Even they have had their scandals; in one of them some years ago, some of the members were discovered to be in league with the servants who waited on the card-room, and marked card were discovered by which the thieving members were enabled to rob their friends.

S. S. Mariposa.

The Oceanic s. s. Mariposa, Hayward master, arrived yesterday morning from the Colonies. She left Sydney on the 15th, Auckland on the 20 and Apia on the 24th. Her inward cargo consisted of 37 pks. brandy, 50 cs. fruit, 20 cs. limes, 7 bags coconuts, 172 pks. onions, 142 pks. potatoes, 80 pks. oranges, and 24 pks. sundries. The Mariposa brought the following passengers: F. N. Tackett, Dr. J. Yates, Miss Yates, E. Camillerie and wife.

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